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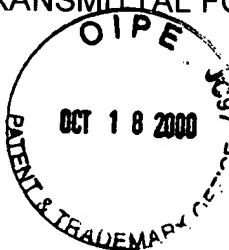
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

In accordance with applicants' duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56, we are enclosing form PTO-1449 listing information that may be material to the patentability of this application, filed August 9, 2000.

The following references were either (1) cited by or (2) submitted to the Patent and Trademark Office in priority application Serial No. 09/421,799, filed October 20, 1999 (allowed). Accordingly, copies of the following references have not been submitted herewith (37 C.F.R. §1.98 (d)): U.S. patents D365,247, 3,015,411, 3,208,629, 3,338,467, 3,797,696, 4,113,135, 4,138,033, 4,165,013, 4,184,603, 4,184,604, 4,238,045, 4,245,752, 4,412,629, 4,441,623, 5,082,134, 5,150,816, 5,186,353, 5,222,623,

5,295,597, 5,485,938, 5,490,622, 5,540,350, 5,706,972, 5,762,228 and 6,062,419. Also listed are: Technical Data Sheets "GLS Technical Data Sheet Versaflex TM CL2042X Thermoplastic Elastomer Alloy", "GLS Technical Data Sheet Processing Versaflex CL2042X TPE Alloy", "GLS Technical Data Sheet Versaflex CL2050X TM Thermoplastic Elastomer Alloy", "GLS Technical Data Sheet Processing Versaflex CL2050X TPE Alloy", "GLS Corporation Technical Data Sheet Dynaflex ® G2711 Thermoplastic Rubber Compound", "GLS Corporation Dynaflex ® G2711 Thermoplastic Rubber Compound, Contains KRATON G Polymer, Processing", "GLS Technical Data Sheet" Versaflex CL2050X Thermoplastic Elastomer Alloy", "GLS Corporation" Versaflex CL2050X, and Publication titled "Introduction Kraton ® Polymers"

It is applicant's belief that the above U.S. patents, Technical Data Sheets and Publication do not describe that which is claimed in the present invention.

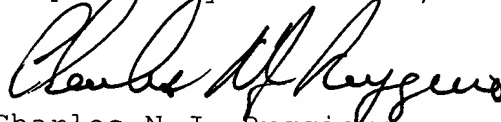
It should be understood that attention has been called to the U.S. patents, Technical Data Sheets and Publication that have been deemed to be pertinent to the claimed present invention. In concluding what was pertinent, the criteria employed was considered most appropriate in light of the invention shown in the present application. However, the Examiner or others may deem some other criteria to be just as appropriate or more appropriate. Therefore, the Examiner is respectfully urged to review the listed U.S. patents, Technical Data Sheets and

Publication and to make the usual careful independent search for other prior art that may be pertinent.

Since this Information Disclosure Statement is being filed within three months of the filing date of the application, no petition or fee is required.

Applicants' respectfully request favorable consideration and that this application be passed to allowance.

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